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“Back to the basics”


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Weather

**Today**
High: 85, Low: 62
Partly Cloudy

**Saturday**
High: 82, Low: 60
Partly Cloudy

**Sunday**
High: 80, Low: 60
Partly Cloudy

**Monday**
High: 83, Low: 60
Mostly Sunny

News Briefs

09-08 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-08 will have their track select Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

Welcome Home Celebration

This event will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club Sept. 23. All are encouraged to attend this celebration honoring the return of our servicemembers who have recently deployed.

Columbus AFB Retiree Appreciation

Columbus AFB Retiree Appreciation Day will be held Sept. 27. This is an all day event starting at the Columbus Club at 9 a.m. with activities, information displays and a luncheon with 14th Medical group commander, Col. Diane Fletcher as the featured speaker. Following the luncheon, the Base Exchange and Commissary will feature some “Retiree” Specials in their locations. Please RSVP by Sept. 10 to the Retiree Affairs Office at 434-3120 or Lt. Steven Lewis at 434-2692.

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AF News 6

The Air Force has developed a plan to fill unmanned aircraft system positions.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

Employees from WCBI TV-Columbus work to beautify the T-37 Tweet static display at the Columbus AFB exit off of US Hwy 45 Sept 11. The volunteer work was part of the United Way Day to Care Sept. 11. Over 50 base and 150 community members throughout Columbus worked at 65 different locations within the community to improve the quality of life in the local area.

CAFB honors Sept. 11 with United Way

2nd Lt. John Wells
14th Flying Training Wing

Columbus AFB and the local community joined together Sept. 11 to help those in need across the local area.

The United Way’s 2008 Day to Care campaign saw almost 200 volunteers from throughout the community helping out at 65 locations throughout Lowndes County.

A majority of these smaller projects were assisting the elderly through CONTACT Helpline, performing tasks ranging from gardening and trimming trees to painting porches.

The proud Airmen of Columbus AFB played a significant role in Day to Care activities. Of the 200 volunteers, Airmen comprised approximately 50 of the hard working volunteers. Airmen came from all different groups to complete numerous tasks. The largest team, from the 14th Mission Support Group, volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club, helping paint several of the walls.

Volunteer 2nd Lt. Marlo Barron, 14th Operational Support Squadron, said, “It was overall a great way to give back and celebrate our American way of life on a day that has become very sacred to our nation as a whole.”

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (09-08)	7.00 day	3.12 days	Sept. 25	48th (08-15)	5.18 days	1.30 days	Sept. 26	49th (09-AB)	1.41 days	0.80 days	Oct. 09	T-6	1,708	1,538	28,046
41st (09-09)	1.05 days	-1.30 days	Oct. 21	50th (09-01)	1.41 days	0.80 days	Oct. 24					T-1	688	641	11,595
												T-38	582	502	11,177
												IFF	133	136	2,947

Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Bradley R. Pray, Deputy Director, Air, Space and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

Hunting season fast approaching

Frank Lockhart

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

The 2008-2009 hunting season begins Oct. 1. Please have your Mississippi Hunting License and base permit receipt with you for your Sportsman Safety Briefing. Sportsman Safety Briefings are available from the base game wardens.

The 2008-2009 game wardens are:

- Frank Lockhart: 434-7958
- Mike Blythe: 434-7353
- Master Sgt. David Rogers: 434-2576
- Master Sgt. David Hicks: 434-2341
- Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey: 434-2217
- Staff Sgt. Jason Pringle: 434-7116
- Buck Jolly: 434-2027.

Please call for an appointment.

Hunters born after Jan. 1, 1972 must complete the Hunter Education course offered by Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Call MDWFP district office at 840-5172 to register. Courses are being offered at the American Legion building, 248 Chubby Dr., Columbus Miss. Sept. 13 and Oct. 25. Part of the course may be taken on the web at wdwfp.com. Three hours must be completed in the classroom.

2008-2009 Hunting Season

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Date</u>
Deer	Archery Oct. 1 - Nov. 21 Youth Gun Nov. 15 - Nov. 21 Dec. 2 - Dec. 15 Jan. 22 - Jan. 31, 2009 Gun (with dogs) Nov. 22 - Dec. 1 Dec. 24 - Jan. 21, 2009 Primitive Weapons Dec. 2 - Dec. 15 Jan. 22 - Jan 31, 2009 Gun (without dogs) Dec. 16 - Dec. 19 Dec. 20 - Dec. 21 Dec. 22 - Jan 21, 2009
Rabbit	Oct. 18 - Feb. 28, 2009
Squirrel	Oct. 4 - Feb. 28, 2009
Turkey	March 14 - May 3, 2009
Youth Turkey	March 7 - March 13, 2009

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Taking the Oath of Enlistment



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Duncan

Major Daniel Olson, 14 Flying Training Wing Staff Judge Advocate, administers the Oath of Enlistment to Tech. Sgt. Tara White, 14th Flying Training Wing, during her reenlistment Monday at the 14th FTW Headquarters. Sergeant White reenlisted for an additional five years of service. The BLAZE team congratulates Sgt. White and thanks her for her continued service.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 35 **BLAZE TEAM** members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



**Buckle
up for
safety**

IFF 08-KB graduates four

Four members of the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals course graduated Friday in a ceremony in the Heritage Room of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty and international AT-38C flying training. The 49th FTS also provides IFF training to pilots and weapon system officers entering all Air Force major fighter weapons systems. This six-week course introduces pilots to air-to-air employment, air-to-surface attack and low-altitude navigation in the AT-38C Talon.

During the ceremony the graduates learned of special awards to be handed out to the class.

Second Lt. Mark Fattmann was awarded the Air-to-Air top gun award. Air-to-Air top gun is an



Capt. Joel Bernazzani
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz



1st Lt. Jeremy Raush
WSO F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



1st Lt. Mark Hefferly
WSO F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Mark Fattmann
F-16, McEntire JNGB, S.C.

award given for superior aerial weapons employment during IFF. The holder of this award represents the best of the graduating class in the Air to Air Combat.

The Air-to-Ground top gun award went to Lt. Fattmann as well. The Air-to-Ground top gun is an award given for superior employment of air to ground munitions during IFF. The holder of this award represents the best of the graduating class in the Air to Ground Realm.

The Top Weapons System Operator award went to 1st Lt. Jeremy Raush.

Along with IFF training, the 49th FTS is also responsible

for upgrade instructor pilot training for instructors continuing to command-wide assignments.

Columbus to Host Retiree Appreciation Day

Sonic Johnson
Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Columbus AFB will honor retirees and their families on Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 27th.

Events begin at 9 a.m. with a registration at the Columbus Club. The club ballroom will have displays of base support organizations to help keep our retiree population informed. While the active Air Force transforms missions and organizations, keeping retirees abreast of the changes is often a challenge. For those who desire to see the infrastructure changes to the base, a bus will leave the Club at 9:30 a.m. for a driving tour around Columbus Air Force base. A second bus will leave at the same time to give a flightline tour for those who prefer it.

Opening ceremonies for the luncheon will begin at 10:35 a.m. with the Columbus AFB Honor Guard posting the Colors and the national

anthem.

Colonel Diane Fletcher, 14th Medical Group commander, will address the group about her experiences as an aeromedical evacuation nurse during our current Iraqi war.

Throughout the day the local Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities will be holding retiree appreciation events in their stores.

This year's event is spearheaded by 1st Lt Steven Lewis from the 14th Force Support Squadron.

"With over 150 people signed up, Retiree Appreciation Day looks to be a great success. The Retiree Office and the men and women of the Military Personnel Section have put in many hours of preparation work already, and we are excited to see what we can do this year to show our appreciation for those who have gone before us," noted Lt. Lewis.

Reservations for the luncheon are limited at this late date. Call 434-2692.

Congrats ALS graduates



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

The BLAZE team congratulates its most recent Airman Leadership School graduates. In the front row Senior Airman Latorya Logan, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Senior Airman Theodore Owens, 14th SFS, Senior Airman Keith Brown, 14th Communications Squadron, Senior Airman Amber Davis, 14th Flying Training Wing, Senior Airman Keith Dawson, 14th SFS, Senior Airman James Hawk, 14th Operational Support Squadron, Senior Airman Shaun Huang, 14th OSS. In the back row: Senior Airman Shaun Jackson, 14th SFS, Senior Airman Remy Leguin, 14th Medical Support Squadron, Senior Airman Eric Marshall, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, Senior Airman Timothy Martinez, 14th OSS, Senior Airman Charleda Meloncon, 14th OSS, Senior Airman Learone Peagler, 14th CES, Senior Airman Nichole Towns-Buchanan, 14th Mission Support Group, Senior Airman Joseph White, 14th CES.

UNITED

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There were numerous smaller projects which took place. Senior Airman Amanda Fitzgerald, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, was part a team of four Airmen who helped paint the local 4-H office.

"Everyone was very friendly toward us; they even got us donuts and juice before we started," said Airman Fitzgerald.

Also, a group of volunteers from local television station WCBI-TV Columbus volunteered to clean up the East Gate entrance to the base at the welcome sign under the T-37 Tweet display. A team of 13 volunteers spent approximately three hours completing a beautification project around the sign and some of the plants. The team first removed all the weeds which had overgrown and placed a fresh layer of mulch to help the plants and sign stand out to those passing by. It was a project which showed the community pride in Columbus Air Force Base.

Columbus AFB's active involvement with the campaign helped to strengthen the strong ties and relationship with Columbus and Lowndes County.

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Referral process changing

Maj. Lisa Davison
14th Medical
Operations Squadron

The 14th Medical Group has made important changes in the processing of all referrals for medical care outside the clinic.

Effective Nov. 3, referrals for network services received without prior TRICARE approval ("retroactive") will no longer be written by the medical group. This change is in compliance with Chapter 1, Section 9.1 of the TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.54M which states: "Failure to obtain a Primary Care Manager referral when one is required will result in the service being paid under Point of Service procedures with a deductible for outpatient services and cost-shares for in and outpatient services."

If you choose to seek network care without obtaining appropriate authorization you will be responsible for the cost share of this care based upon your beneficiary status. Please verify the status of any current network referrals to include the dates of service and the number of visits. These referrals may be extended by the Referral Management Office before they expire by contacting them by phone or in person.

Active duty members who must seek hospital emergency

room care for a medical emergency must request a referral as soon as possible from their PCM in order for the claim to pay. For non active duty beneficiaries, emergency room care does not require a referral or authorization, but you must go to a hospital, not an urgent care facility or a physician's office. Prior authorization is required of any beneficiary who seeks emergent care at any facility other than a hospital emergency room.

Please note that referrals will not be written for non-covered TRICARE benefits. Effective Nov. 3, patients will be informed by their PCM or PCM team that a non-covered benefit request will not be paid by TRICARE. Under limited circumstances, some non-covered benefits may be allowed due to medical necessity. These requests will be sent to Humana for a benefit determination based on medical necessity. Questions regarding covered benefits can be directed to the TRICARE Service Center or the Referral Management office.

Should you have questions regarding these policy changes, please contact the Referral Management Office at 434-2146, the TRICARE Operations Flight commander at 434-2380 or the Health Care Integrator at 434-2181.

General Colin Powell

General Colin Powell, former Secretary of State, will be speaking at Mississippi State University Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. There will be shuttles to transport attendees to the event. Bus One will pick up at the Post Office parking lot at 6:45 p.m. and Bus Two will pick up in the Columbus Club parking lot at 6:45 p.m. A uniform is not mandatory but smart casual dress is highly encouraged. Please help to present as positive image for the Airmen of Columbus AFB.



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ESOH CAMP preparation pays off

**14th Civil Engineer Squadron
Environmental Flight**

The 2008 Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management audit concluded Friday with an out-brief to the vice wing commander and senior leadership. The one-week assessment included 136 facility site visits, 961 documents reviewed and 171 base personnel interviewed.

The implementation of the ESOH management system coupled with strong leadership involvement resulted in a 50 percent decrease in findings based on the 2005 ESOHCAMP! ESOH programs were rated overall "successful," with areas of improvement required in occupational health management. The HQ team lauded several innovative programs including Green Procurement, Universal Waste Tracking (fluorescent light bulbs), and Joint ESOH Inspections. The team also identified Columbus AFB's ESOH management system as the benchmark program for the command.

The HQ Air Education and Training

Command team recognized the following individuals/teams who demonstrated outstanding ESOH management:

Team BLAZE Hazardous Material Field Office:
- Staff Sgt. John Hearn, 14th Medical Support Squadron

- John Dove, 14th Force Support Squadron
- Larry Baptist, 14th Mission Support Group
- Steve Woolbright, 14th MSG

Team BLAZE Hazardous Material Management:

- Jody Hall, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Robert Harmon, 14th Flying Training Wing
- Kymberly Rigdon, 14th CES

- Staff Sgt. Bryant Hayes, 14th Medical Operations Squadron

- Johnny Smith, 14th FTW
Team BLAZE Lockout/Tagout Management:

- James Bowen, 14th MSG
- George Beavers, 14th CES

- Senior Airman Josh McCluskey, 14th Communications Squadron

Congratulations to the entire BLAZE Team!

Sundays @ 7:00 PM in CAFB Chapel

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Case lot sale

The Columbus AFB Commissary will be holding a case lot sale Sept. 19-20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a wide variety of items on sale in all areas of the store. All base personnel are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity to save money.

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T-37 aircraft currently assigned to CAFB

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T-6 aircraft currently assigned to CAFB



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AFSO 21: It's all up to you

Navy, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard join forces for Ike rescues

Capt. Nicholas J. Sabula
Air Force News Agency

LAKE CHARLES, La. — Navy helicopter rescue crews positioned here participated in a joint search and rescue effort Sept. 13 flying missions in response to Hurricane Ike's Sept. 12 landfall on the Gulf Coast.

The Navy teams flew multiple sweeps over hard-hit areas of Louisiana and Texas looking for signs of people in need.

They joined rescue teams from the Air Force, Army and Coast Guard covering the devastated region with support from the air.

"We were teamed up with the Air Force and the Army, as well as Coast Guard assets all out of Ellington Field and Randolph Air Force Base (Texas), and the only other unit I know away from there was Patrick AFB (in Florida) providing HH-60 Pavahawks," said Navy Lt. Jimmy Dalo, a SH-60F Seahawk helicopter pilot with Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron 15.

Lieutenant Dalo is part of a team out of Naval Air

Station Jacksonville, Fla., that includes people from HS15, HS11 and HS 7. His unit provides support for domestic humanitarian relief along the gulf coast and was provided relief after hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.

The teams departed out of Lake Charles Regional Airport — about a 30 minute flight to the northeast part of Houston — and flew along the gulf coastline to Galveston, Texas.

"When we flew down, we did a sweep on the Galveston area, got gas and did a snake search on the way back," said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Victor Falck, an aviation warfare systems operator.

"We were in a four-helo form flight and we'd kind of spread out and fly over communities. Out here I would have been strictly the rescue swimmer, going down the hoist assisting anyone who needs assistance," he said. "We brought rescue baskets, seats, direct deployment quick drops. That's used for fast moving water where it's kind of a get-in, get-out, grab a survivor quickly kind of situation."

As the teams flew toward Galveston, they got a firsthand look at the devastation caused by the Category 2 hurricane packing 110 mph winds and massive amounts of water.

Petty Officer Falck said on the whole, the most affected areas observed were on the way to Galveston, rather than actually in Galveston.

"On the way over there is where I saw the worst," Petty Officer Falck said. "The water had risen so much that it swept through, destroying barns and silos. I saw a lot of houses completely underwater. You could see some oil in the water as well. There was a lot of destruction, a lot of flooding, and a lot of cattle left high and dry."

"You could see mostly the devastation caused by more-so the storm surge than the winds, so you had a lot of flooded out pasture lands and low-lying areas closer to the coastline," said Lieutenant Dalo, who grew up in southern Florida and has dealt with hurricanes most of his life. "As we moved closer to Galveston, you could definitely see how the water level had wiped away most of the beach property. A little bit closer to Houston you could see how the city was mostly unaffected as infrastructure goes, but definitely the low-lying areas were affected by the storm surge."

The team patrolled along the coastal region looking for

any survivors or just people who might be in trouble, flying in at lower altitudes to determine if anyone in some of the smaller towns was affected.

"It looked like the prior call to evacuate the towns had pretty much been heeded by most people," Lieutenant Dalo said. "We did have people waving at the helicopters but we didn't have anyone who appeared to be in distress."

"We saw one guy who we thought was trying to signal us, but he was just kind of waving at us; a support thing I guess," Petty Officer Falck said.

Overhead, an Air Force E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system aircraft from the 552nd Air Control Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., relayed tasking information to the joint teams based on calls from their command and control cell. The AWACS is assigned to the 331st Air Expeditionary Group at Randolph AFB supporting aerial search and rescue efforts by 1st Air Force people and aircraft.

Officials from the Joint Personnel Recovery Center at Tyndall AFB, Fla., field emergency calls from first responders in an area. The information is then relayed to the E-3 overhead and air battle managers serving on board the aircraft communicate the information to the rescue helicopter aircrews.

Lieutenant Dalo said flying these types of missions can be very similar to other operational requirements.

"For a rescue asset like us who are trained to do it both in a combat situation and also a domestic situation, it kind of almost falls in the same area: One: who am I talking to, and two: where am I going," Lieutenant Dalo said. "And everything expands off of that. You can basically transform that tactic to anywhere in the world, no matter what the situation and kind of just build and plug-and-play as you go. In reality, it's no different from me executing a hostile rescue than just hurricane relief, as long as I know where I'm going, who I'm talking to and that we have the skill sets to execute the rescue."

Perhaps the best news of the day for the team conducting intense search and rescue missions was reflecting on not what the team had done, but what they had not done.

"Overall, we didn't see anyone who needed rescuing," Petty Officer Falck said.



Courtesy Photo by HS-11

Dragonslayer 611, a SH-60F Sea Hawk helicopter, piloted by Cmdr. Mal Sandie (commanding officer HS-11) and Lt. Cmdr. Tim Kinsella survey the Biloxi, Miss., coastline looking for damaged areas caused by Hurricane Ike Sept. 13. The helicopters are from the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 11, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

Air Force develops plan for filling unmanned aircraft system positions

Master Sgt. Russell Petcoff
Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is taking a two-pronged approach to address the increasing need for pilots of unmanned aircraft systems in Afghanistan and Iraq, an Air Force official said recently.

The first approach will use a small percentage of Undergraduate Pilot Training graduates for the short term. The second will examine the potential for a distinct career path for Airmen to fly unmanned aircraft.

"The UPT approach will happen quickly," said Col. Pete Lee, chief of the operational training division in the Air Staff Operations.

In the next couple of weeks, Air Force

when they graduate in October. Their UAS training will be at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada.

After completing a standard UAS tour, UPT Airmen will receive a follow-on assignment to a manned aircraft, Colonel Lee added.

In January 2009, the Air Force will begin the second approach, a small-group testing of a program to train approximately 10 active-duty officers to specifically fly unmanned aircraft. Colonel Lee said the lessons learned from the first group will be used to train a second group of 10. Initial training will begin in Pueblo, Colo., where the Air Force conducts introductory flight screening. UAS-specific training will follow with full major weapons system qualification completed at Creech

pilots for wartime UAS duty," Colonel Lee said. "We will continue to uphold the highest levels of Air Force flight safety standards.

The colonel said this is a historic time for the Air Force

"Pilots flying unmanned aircraft today and Airmen selected for the new UAS training program are charting ground-breaking paths for the Air Force," Colonel Lee said. "They are truly trailblazers.

The Air Force general who oversees air, nuclear, space, cyber and weather operations for the Air Staff said there is a critical demand for UAS in theater.

"The combat contributions of unmanned aircraft systems in today's fight have surpassed all expectations and have taken a crucial role in our ongoing operations in Iraq

Operations, Plans and Requirements.

"The surveillance-only role of UAS has rapidly expanded to include strike, force protection, and additional intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions," the general added.

Colonel Lee said unmanned aircraft are the tip of the spear for Air Force combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq because of "their ability to identify, track and engage our enemies."

From January to August of this year, Predators and Reapers flew more than 4,400 sorties, logging over 81,800 combat flight hours. They also engaged more than 9,900 ISR targets and were an integral asset during



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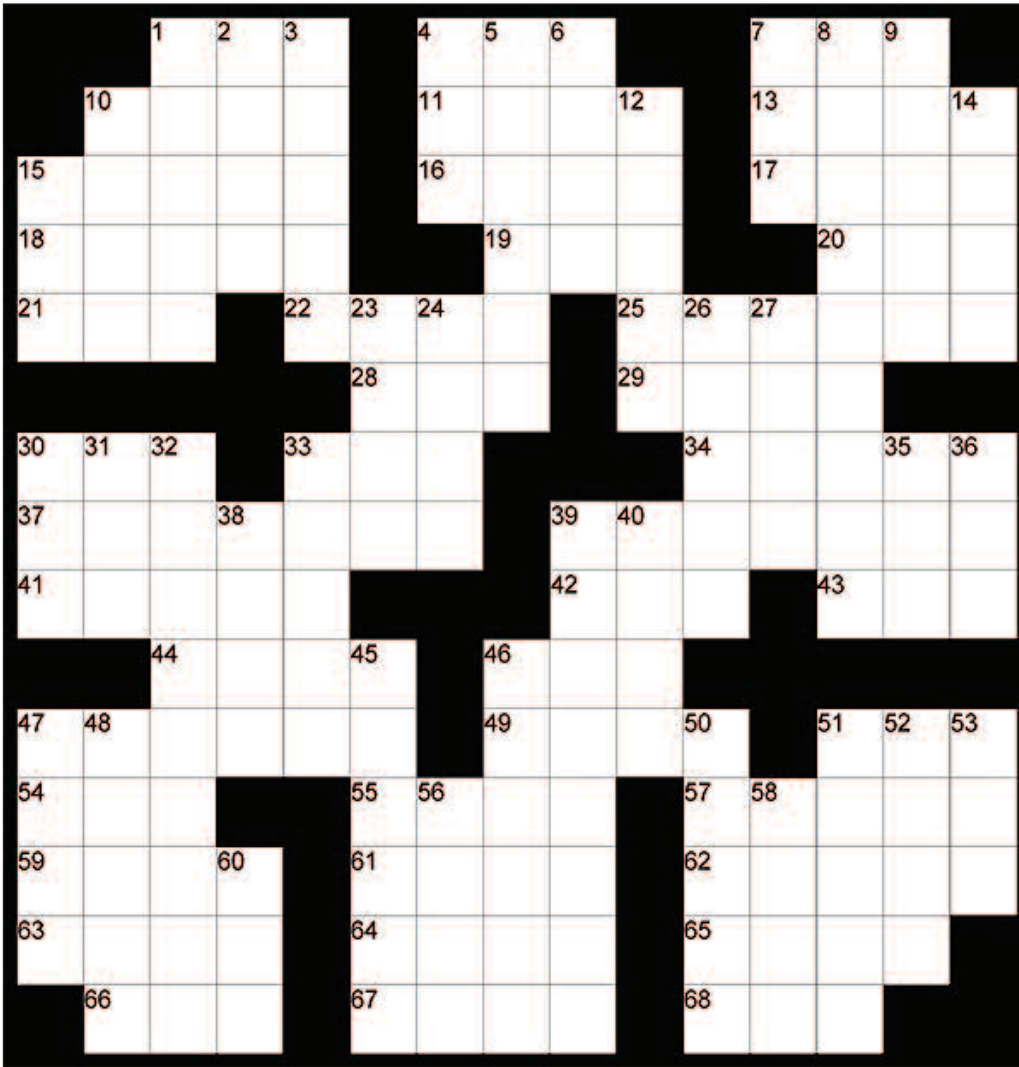
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- 4. Ancient
- 7. Unit or energy or work
- 10. Goodbye in Rome
- 11. ___ and feathers
- 13. Angel's headgear
- 15. Adage
- 16. Tantrum
- 17. Meat in a can
- 18. Looking tool
- 19. Accountant, in brief
- 20. Fury
- 21. 2007 Oscar film No Country for Old ___
- 22. Otherwise
- 25. ___ Rule
- 28. USAF appraisal for AB-CMSgt
- 29. Saga
- 30. USAF pilot with 5+ aerial victories
- 33. Red or Dead
- 34. Command
- 37. Basements
- 39. Assassin's tool
- 41. Actor Farrell
- 42. Democracy founded in 1776, in brief
- 43. Oscar Winner Brynner










- 44. Printer's mark
- 46. Large tub used for storing or holding liquids
- 47. Watch out
- 49. Middle East country
- 51. Perform
- 54. Overseas mil. address
- 55. Bedridden
- 57. Invest with some gift, quality, or faculty
- 59. South American country
- 61. Dress type
- 62. Col. ___ Vander Hamm; current Mount Rushmore State base commander
- 63. Hardens
- 64. Sicilian erupter
- 65. Exhaust
- 66. Murder, ___ Wrote
- 67. 1950s movie icon James
- 68. Mil. ID

DOWN

- 1. ICBM installed at the Mount Rushmore State base in 1962
- 2. Dines
- 3. Knotted rope
- 4. USAF commissioning source
- 5. Plane assigned to the Mount Rushmore State base
- 6. Trickle
- 7. Interrogative utterances expressing surprise or doubt
- 8. One time name of the Mount Rushmore State base
- 9. Glower
- 10. Current command chief of

- the Mount Rushmore State base
- 12. Phase
- 14. Sign
- 15. Hollywood studio and Las Vegas hotel
- 23. Lascivious or sly look
- 24. Health resorts
- 26. Musical theater
- 27. Island reef of northeast Italy
- 30. MAJCOM the Mount Rushmore State base is assigned
- 31. Co. boss
- 32. Namesake of the Mount Rushmore State base
- 33. More rational
- 35. Jack Bauer's org. on 24
- 36. ___ Aviv
- 38. 1980s rock singer Ford
- 39. ___ of the North; Mount Rushmore State base moniker
- 40. Hollywood dog
- 45. Joined a sporting group
- 46. Austrian capital
- 47. 1997 Halle Berry film
- 48. Fencing tools
- 50. Bird places
- 51. Bedeck
- 52. Adorable
- 53. Vietnamese holiday
- 56. Chomp down
- 58. CBS show based on USN org.
- 60. Exploit



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COMBAT AIRCRAFT

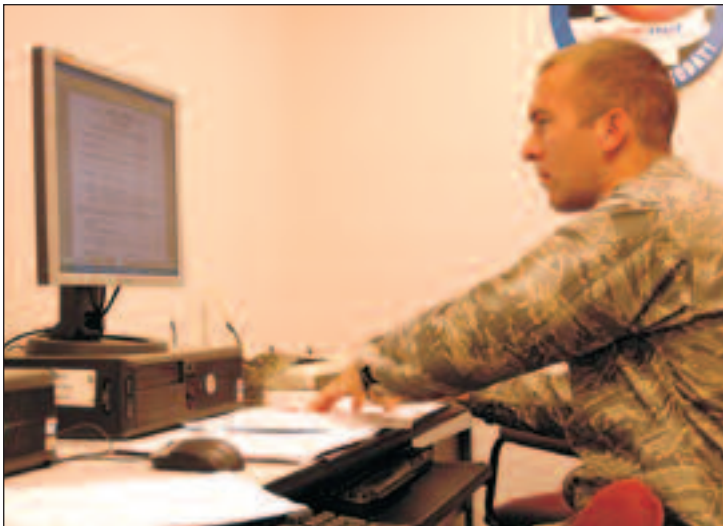
To solve, place a combat aircraft into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain each of the following combat aircraft: B-1, B-2, A-10, F-15, F-16, F-22, F-35, B-52 and AC-130. In other words, no plane may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the planes already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
22 09-15 Pilot Partner Welcome 1800 @ Grill	23 Welcome Home Celebration 1630 @ Club	24 BLAZE Lunch Bunch 1100 - 1400 @ Club Sec. of State Colin Powell 2000 @ MSU	25 Enlisted Promotions 1500 @ Club 09-08 Track Select 1630 @ Club	26 SUPT 08-15 Graduation 1000 @ Kaye	27/28 Autocross @ SAC Ramp Retiree Appreciation Day
29	30 Town Hall Meeting 1800 @ Club	31 BLAZE Lunch Bunch 1100 - 1400 @ Club	1 SRNCO Induction @ 1900	2 Professional Wrestling 1900 @ Fairgrounds	3/4 Fire Prevention Week Begins Free Golf 1400 @ Elm Lake for AD Military

Long Term Events

- Oct. 4-10 - Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 10 - 09-01 Assignment Night
- Oct. 13 - Columbus Day Holiday
- Oct. 14 - Civilian Call 1330 @ Kaye
- Oct. 16 - National Bosses Day

- Oct. 16 - Dorm Dinner
- Oct. 24 - 09-01 Graduation
- Oct. 25 - 09-08 Track Select
- Oct. 25 - Daedalian's Dinner
- Oct. 26 - Enlisted Promotions

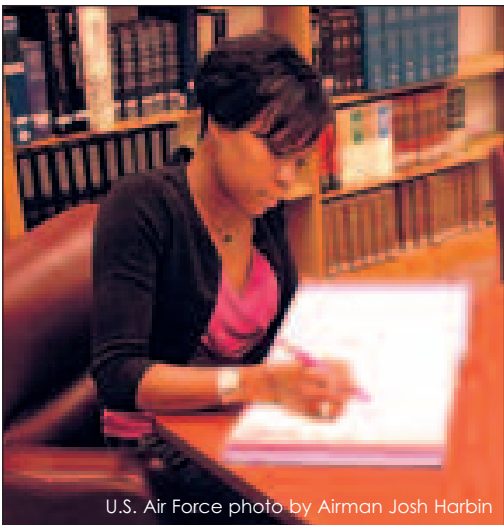


U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin
Second Lt. Andrew Lawrence, 14th Operational Support Squadron, uses the computer lab at the Base Library for its internet service. The library has several computers, a scanner and a printer to satisfy the technological needs of Columbus AFB personnel.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin
The main lobby of the Base Library offers spacious areas in which patrons can sit and enjoy recent newspapers, magazines, or even read books without having to leave the library. The library has five local papers and three national papers available daily.

Debra Key, a student at the base Education Center, comes to the library to study for her upcoming exams in a quiet environment.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

CAFB library

a gold mine of resources

2nd Lt. George Fowler
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Looking for a place to kick back, relax and catch up on local or national news? Maybe you've been thinking about renting a new movie or buying a popular CD but not sure if you will like the tracks on it?

Look no farther. The Columbus AFB library has all of these things to offer and much more. No matter your age or interest, the base library has something for you.

Many people believe a library only has books to offer. The CAFB library has more than 30,000 books on their shelves, but they have many other resources as well.

The library has several shelves of DVDs, CDs and books on tape available. Their computer lab is the only location on base with public computers where you can surf the internet. They also have a printer, scanner, copier and fax machine available for use.

The base library receives five local newspapers, three national papers and more than 20 magazines covering a variety of topics for

anyone to read.

The CAFB library also offers programs for children. Preschool story time is offered for ages three to five every Wednesday through May. A summer reading program is available for grades first through sixth during the months of June and July.

There are several options to assists adults in furthering their education as well. Study videos and DVDs for every CLEP test and practice test are available as well as access to the Rosetta Stone language program. Rosetta Stone is an excellent second language program but typically costs more than \$500. Base personnel and their families can access this program for free by getting a password from the library.

The CAFB library is one of only three five star libraries under the Air Education Training Command, which is the highest ranking for libraries.

The base library is a gold mine of resources available to CAFB personnel and their families. If you are interested in what they have, you can visit their website from home via their link at

www.CAFBservices.com. Their site has an online catalog where you can see what most interests you.

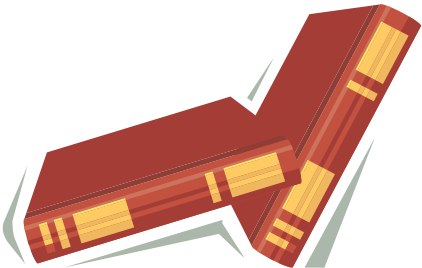
If you can't find what you need on the library's website, go into the library and speak with the staff. Linda Dodson, 14th Force Support Squadron deputy director, has worked with the library for 29 years. Overall, the library staff has more than 69 years of service in the base library so they can answer any question you might have or assist you in finding exactly what you need.

Library membership is free, so why not take advantage of its resources? CAFB is very fortunate to have such vast resources available to its personel. The library is here to serve the base and they do so with excellence. They go above and beyond by providing extracurricular activities for children and adults alike. For example, the library holds an annual pumpkin carving contest at the end of October. Families and squadrons can join to compete for a free pizza party.

To see what the library can do for you, stop in or call 434-2934.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin
A military memorabilia display is temporarily available at the Columbus AFB Library. The memorabilia is on loan from the Columbus War Museum. The library offers different displays of interest to CAFB patrons throughout the year.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

The children's section at the Base Library has activities and reading material for the younger audience. There are also various programs offered to children of different age groups throughout the year such as story times and reading challenges.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin
Librarians Erika Huerta and Patricia Jones, 14th Force Support Squadron, review their inventory of music at the front desk of the Base Library. Together, they have 32 years of combined experience working with the Columbus AFB library system.

Back to basics - setting the foundation

Capt. Matthew Waggoner

14th Comptroller and Contracting Squadron (Provisional) Commander



A few months ago, I was given the opportunity to lead the test merger of the comptroller and contracting squadrons here at Columbus AFB, Miss. With the Chief of Staff's recent call to get back to basics, I

have been asked on a number of occasions whether we should stop the merger and return to our "old ways" of doing business? I'm convinced the answer to this question is no. A return to the basics is not a call for abandonment of evolution and progress, but more a relook at the principles which form the foundation from which we work.

Changing requirements in response to shifting threats will always provide us with the opportunities to advance our operational design. Throughout the history of recorded flight, the Air Force has evolved to better serve our country's needs, from the 1903 Wright Flyer to the present day F-22 Raptor. Evolution has been driven by specific challenges and threats facing the nation. As flight design advanced, the basic principles of flight, lift and drag, still must be overcome in order to achieve flight.

The comptroller and contracting functions are no different. Driven by a desire for efficiency, cost avoidance, and the need to eliminate support functions in favor of additional resources at the pointed end of the spear, the world around us is calling for evolution. As we change, the basic principles which guide us remain. Budgets will be sound and balanced, and contract actions will be above approach.

As the world evolves, we must evolve with it. Back to basics is not a call to stop progress, but a reminder to make sure our new development is based on a strong foundation. Integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

Park it before you pour!

Reflecting on the meaning of Hispanic heritage

Chaplain William Logan

14th Flying Training Wing

Let me first say I don't have a drop of Hispanic blood in my veins.

I know a few Spanish words and I completely love the food, but that's about it. So, why am I writing about this? Because I, like you, am a daily beneficiary of this rich cultural heritage. I, like you, am a proud American and I know our diversity is our strength.

It is my honor to stand shoulder to shoulder to persons of virtually every race, creed and ethnicity under the sun in order to keep our nation strong.

I remember as a child idolizing baseball hall of famer Roberto Clemente. He was a man of rare grace and skill on the baseball field. He made the most difficult plays effortlessly. Believe me, he would be on ESPN every night, if he was playing today. He was born in Puerto Rico in 1934. He played his entire career, 18 years, with the same team, the Pittsburgh Pirates and was the mainspring

of their successes for his entire career. He reached the 3,000-hit plateau in 1972. A right fielder, Clemente was capable of throwing out a runner from his knees. He had a lifetime batting average of .317 and hit 240 home runs.

It was only later in life I learned what a phenomenal human being he was off the baseball field, too. His continual efforts to help people in need are legendary by anyone's standards. He gladly assumed the mantle of role model which is shunned by so many professional athletes today. In 1972, he died tragically in an airplane crash while attempting to take food and medicine to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. Roberto Clemente is still one of my heroes.

Of course, the real heroes today for me are our many Hispanic Airmen and their families whose daily excellence and many sacrifices shine so brightly in our midst. I encourage you to visit the many websites available to learn more about the contributions of Hispanic people to our great nation and join me in celebrating Hispanic heritage this month and every day.

Hispanic Heritage: Colonel addresses Latina luncheon

Master Sgt. Russell P. Petcoff

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — An Air Force ROTC commander spoke about her personal journey of earning an education and being a trailblazer for the Latina community during her keynote address at the 5th National LATINA Style Symposium and Department of Defense Awards Luncheon Sept. 5 in Washington.

"I won't lie to you, it was tough going early on in the military," said Col. Lisa Firmin, a professor of aerospace studies and commander of Air Force ROTC Det. 842 at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"I was typically the first woman officer in my unit, not to mention the first Latina that many of my fellow officers had ever seen," said Colonel Firmin to a crowd of approximately 300 attendees.

The LATINA Style awards honored Latina servicewomen who have contributed to the war on terrorism and the Hispanic community, according to LATINA Style officials. At the awards luncheon, Airmen received two 2008 LATINA Distinguished Service Awards. The winners were Col. Madeline Lopez, the Defense Logistics Agency Warner Robins commander at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; and Staff Sgt. Joanna Vasquez, a 31st Intelligence Squadron linguist from Fort Gordon, Ga.

The colonel said her second assignment was to Clark Air Base, Philippines, as the only female officer to a maintenance unit with 700 Airmen made up of only 10 women. She said it was frustrating having to prove herself with each new assignment.

"I grew up fast as an officer," Colonel Firmin said. "Believe me, it would have been much easier to simply back down or even quit. But, I didn't. I had too much

pride, a lot of grit, and I just didn't take no for an answer."

Colonel Firmin said she was the first colonel to command the 332nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group at Balad Air Base, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her job was to help build and establish the air base. She was awarded the Bronze Star for her accomplishments in Iraq.

The colonel said she wants to help influence other military women.

"Since I became a senior officer, it has been very important to me to act as role model for other women, especially Latinas," Colonel Firmin said. Her current assignment as professor of aerospace studies allows her the opportunity to do that. She and her staff "have worked very hard to recruit, train and educate young Latinas and people from all ethnic backgrounds."

The colonel credited her parents with the motivation to achieve something better.

"My parents had very tough lives and worked very hard to make ends meet," Colonel Firmin said. Her parents never had the chance to finish high school.

"My father ended up with a (general education diploma) and my mother was forced to drop out of high school so she could work and help raise her brothers and sisters," she said.

Colonel Firmin said her dad stressed the value of an education to succeeding in life. To him, it defined a person's life.

"He used to tell me that my life wasn't mine till I finished college," Colonel Firmin said. "I believed him."

Despite her parents' educational background, Colonel Firmin said they stressed the importance of hard work to her siblings and her.

"They taught us what is right and wrong," Colonel Firmin said. Her parents taught them the importance of "a strong

work ethic and they instilled in all of us a solid foundation on which faith and moral values are built. They taught us every day through their own example."

Colonel Firmin said her high school guidance counselor provided motivation to excel in college. She was an average student in high school but didn't really excel, she said. That changed one day after a comment from her high school guidance counselor.

"It wasn't until a high school counselor took one look at me and told me 'you don't have what it takes to go to a four-year college' that I realized no one but me should dictate what I can or can not do," Colonel Firmin said. "From that day on, I really applied myself and had the ambition and the 'ganas' (Spanish for motivation sufficient to act) to get ahead."

The colonel studied journalism at Texas A&M University in Kingsville, Texas, graduating cum laude in 1979 in just three years. She's also received a master's in organization behavior and human resource management from Chapman University, Calif.; and a master's of strategic studies from Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

"One thing I learned early on was to believe in myself, even when no one else did," Colonel Firmin said. "I also never stopped learning and worked harder than others. I always tried to be ready when opportunities came my way. I never said no to whatever the Air Force wanted me to do."

Colonel Firmin credited her parents, her husband, her son, and the Airmen she's worked with and for in the past with the success she's achieved in the Air Force.

"Many have sacrificed so that I could be here today, none more than my own husband and son, for they are the main reasons I have been successful," she said. "No one achieves success alone."

Base News

CAFB School Students

Elementary, Middle and High School Students who reside ON Columbus AFB, and who desire to attend a school within the Columbus Municipal School District, must file a written petition with the Superintendent of the Lowndes County School District AND the Superintendent of the Columbus Municipal School District, requesting that he/she be transferred to the Columbus Municipal School District. The Trustees of the two districts will act upon the petition NLT their next regular Board meeting. Questions, please contact the Wing School Liaison Officer, E J Griffis at 434-2792 or via email at e.griffis@columbus.af.mil.

Catholic Choir Director

The position for the Catholic choir director is now available for bid at the Columbus AFB Chapel. Applicant must show a proven familiarity with the requirements of the whole spectrum of Catholic worship services and comply with the Statement of Work. A Statement of Work is available for your review and may be picked up from Senior Airman Free in the Chapel office Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Resumes and bid sheets must be submitted to the chapel office by close of business Sept. 22. Interviews will be conducted Sept. 23-26 during normal business hours. The contract will be awarded on the basis of best value to the government. A public opening of bids will be conducted Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. Contractor may be required to have a background check. For more information, please call Senior Airman Free at 434-2500.

School Testing

PSAT/SAT/ACT: With the 2008- 2009 school year now fully underway, questions with regard to PSAT/SAT/ACT testing abound. The testing window for this battery of tests is just around the corner. For info on the PSAT/SAT, please access the following Web site: www.collegeboard.com. For information on the ACT, the Web site is: www.act.org. Finally, for free SAT/ACT Test Preparation Materials, access the Military HomeFront web site at <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/> (the link to the free materials is found under Special Offers). Direct any questions you may have to the School Liaison Office at 434-2792.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your

deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Spouses of Stripes

There will be a Spouses of Stripes meeting Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Services Complex.

Town Hall Meeting

All residents of The Landings at Columbus are encouraged to attend the town hall meeting Sept. 30 at the Columbus Club at 6 p.m. The focus of this meeting will be to review and discuss construction and housing issues.

Education Open House

Saint Leo University and East Mississippi Community College will be hosting an open house Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Education Center (Bldg. 916), Room 3. Information will be available about Saint Leo's on base bachelor's degree programs in Business Administration, Psychology, and Criminal Justice. For more information, please call the CAFB Saint Leo office at 434-8844 or the Education Center at 434-2562.

Everyone is invited! Refreshments will be served.

Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University is now enrolling students for the Oct. 20 to Dec. 13 term. Classes are available on-base, on the Internet, and on CD-ROM. Please contact Ms. Dew White in the CAFB Saint Leo University office at 434-8844 or stop by Room 120 in the Personnel Bldg. (926).

Testing Office Schedule

The Education Office will be conducting testing (CDC, PME, CLEP, etc.) on these dates in Sept.: 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30. Please call 434-2562 to schedule.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Heart Link Lunch Social

This event will be held Sept. 24 from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can pick up your welcome binder prior to the program so you are ready with questions you need answered

about the base and local area. This is a fun-filled, interactive spouse program packed with information, free lunch, snacks, prizes, and a special presentation from the wing commander and his spouse. Vouchers for child care are available. Seating is limited. Please call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790 for more information.

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Preseparation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Briefing

The wing newcomers briefing will be held Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This brief is for all active duty and civilian personnel new to Columbus AFB. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Please call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790 for more information.

Sponsorship Training

This event is for unit intro monitors and sponsors Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Web-based training is also offered through Air Force Portal under Columbus AFB and through the Public Folder. Please call the Airman

and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790 for more information.

Golden Triangle Employment Expo

This event will be held Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pohl Gymnasium, at the Mississippi University for Women. For a list of employers and positions, go to www.job-fairs.ms.gov. You may send resumes electronically. Please call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790 for more information.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. — Mass

Thursday
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:
4:30 p.m. — Confession
4:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
5:00 p.m. — Mass

First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes are held Wednesday in conjunction with Pioneer Club.









The Catholic Parish Fellowship Dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Mt. Vernon Church

The Columbus AFB Mt. Vernon contemporary service is held every Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Base Chapel.

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

(Current weeks puzzle on page 9)

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Variety of recreational choices provided to families

Bingo

Today is the last day to register and pay your \$15 deposit for the Columbus Club's bingo program Monday. The early bird games start at 6 p.m. with the regular games starting at 7 p.m. Club members and bonafide guests are \$15 each for a bingo package and nonmembers is \$25. Over \$1,700 in cash prizes, but prize payout is based on participation. Must be 18 years or older to play. For more information, call 434-2489.

Football Bowl

Watch the big game on the bowling center's big screen while you are bowling every Sunday at 11 a.m. There are specials on hot wings and other snack bar specials. Bowling is \$1 per game and shoe rental is \$1. For more information, call 434-3426.

Wrestling Event

The Fitness Center is hosting the International Championship Wrestling team to compete at the David Lavender Coliseum at 7 p.m. Oct. 3. Tickets are on sale at the Fitness Center and Information, Ticket and Travel office for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, ages 2 to 12. All ringside seats are \$15 and are on a first come, first serve basis. At the door prices will be \$20 for ringside, \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 2 to 12. For more information, call 434-2772.

Automotive 101 Course

The Auto Hobby Shop offers this free class on basic auto maintenance at 5 p.m. Oct. 23. Course includes tire changing, fluid checks, oil change and more. Call 434-7842 to reserve your slot in the class.

Movie Matinee Bowl

The bowling center offers a movie matinee bowling starting at 2 p.m. Saturday. Watch a movie and enjoy free popcorn while you bowl. Bowling is \$2 per game and shoe rental is \$1. For more information, call 434-3427.

FitFactor Kickoff

The Youth Center kicks off the FitFactor program for the coming year from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 30 along with Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Celebration. Come enjoy fun, fitness activities, track and field events, food and more. There will also be prize giveaways but you must be present to win. For more information, call 434-2504.

Auto Hobby Shop Oil Change

The Arts and Crafts Center offers this service for \$29.95 and includes five quarts oil and filter, wiper and transmission fluid check and tire pressure. Pick-up and delivery are available. Call 434-7842 for an appointment.

New Orleans Saints Tickets

The Information, Ticket and Travel office has a limited number of tickets to the New Orleans home games. Tickets are \$45 each and are sold on first come, first served basis. Dates available are:

Sept 28 against San Francisco
Oct. 6 against Minnesota
Oct 26 against San Diego
Nov. 24 against Green Bay
Dec. 28 against Carolina

There is an overnight trip planned for the Dec. 7 game against Atlanta which includes transportation, lodging and ticket to the game for \$165 per person. For more information, call 434-7861.

Cruise in 2010

The Information, Ticket and Tour office has a great deal for a seven-day cruise on the brand-new Carnival ship, the Triumph, leaving out of New Orleans to Key West, Freeport, Bahamas and Nassau Bahamas. The ship departs Jan. 9, 2010. A \$25 deposit is due by Oct. 1 to reserve this special pricing. Cost is \$1086.94 for two people, \$1445.41 for three people and \$1803.88 for four people for an inside cabin.

For an ocean view, cost is \$1326.94 for two people, \$1715.41 for three people and \$2102.88 for four people.

The next payment of \$225 is due by Aug. 1, 2009 and final payment is due Oct. 15, 2009. A payment plan is available through ITT. Call Dawn at 434-2507 to reserve your cabin.

Gatlinburg Ski Trip

The Information, Ticket and Tour office offers this trip Jan. 17 to 19 but reservations must be made by Dec. 17. Cost is \$235 per person and includes transportation, two meals, chalet lodging for two nights, lift tickets and rentals or \$195 per person without rentals or \$150 per person for non-skiers. Skiing is the 17th from 3 to 10 p.m. and the 18th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required when registering. Full payment is required no later than Jan. 10. The max number of people for this trip is 14 people. For more information, call 434-7861.

Home Decor Workshop

The Arts and Crafts Center offers a workshop on making a faux fireplace. Cost is \$75 and includes all materials except paint or stain and any embellishments. Class is at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 17. Must prepay and register by Oct. 7 at the Arts and Crafts Center. Call 434-7861 for more information.

Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club

Every Wednesday from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water
\$5.75 for club members / \$6.75 for non-members

This week's menu:

Meat choices:

Fried Chicken, Swiss Steak & Lasagna

Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese,
Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Steamed Rice, Turnip Greens, Corn
and Tossed Salad

Desserts:

\$2.95 each

Apple Pie Ala Mode, Key Lime Pie,
Banana Cake

Crafts Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers adult classes every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Upcoming classes include making a bear cub wind chime holder Sept. 23, a ghostie the yard decoration Sept. 30, a bear cub hose holder Oct. 7, a bear cub welcome sign Oct. 14, a bear cub wind chime holder Oct. 21 and a wooden tree of thanks Oct. 28.

Their youth crafts classes are offered at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Classes are \$5 each and include all supplies. Upcoming classes include making a felt pumpkin hanging Sept. 24, a pumpkin welcome sign Oct. 1, a felt tree of thanks Oct. 15, a pumpkin bucket of fun Oct. 22 and a trick or treat bag Oct. 29. Wear your costume and get your class free on Oct. 29.

A display of all the projects is in the lobby of the Arts and Crafts center. For more information, call 434-7836.

Have a Bowling Birthday Party

The bowling center offers the best birthday party packages around. The "good" package includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental, "bowling" place settings, balloons and a souvenir bowling pin for the guest of honor for just \$7.50 per person. The "Best" package includes everything in the "Good" package plus choice of hot dog, grilled cheese sandwich or chicken strips with fries and soft drink for \$10 per person. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required for all parties. No outside food or beverages allowed, except for birthday cakes. For more information, call 434-3426.

Club spirit night



U.S. Air Force photo by Pam Wickham

Colonel Mark Brown, 14th Mission Support Group commander, places his steak on the new grill at the Columbus Club during the club's spirit night. The next spirit night is Oct. 15.

Daedalian's Golf Tournament 2008: The 2008 Daedalian's Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 27 at the Mississippi State University Golf Course in Starkville, Miss. Entry is \$45 per player and includes prize fund, a golf cart, range balls and greens fee. There will be a burger burn immediately following the event. All benefits go toward the Daedalian's scholarship fund. For more information, call Chris Palmer at 549-7745 or Wes Spurlock at (719) 213-4732.

Columbus AFB Appreciation Day: Elm Lake Golf Course will provide free golf for all Columbus AFB military personnel Oct. 5 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Advance tee times and military ID is required. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Call 329-8964 for more information.

Taste of Home Cooking School: This event will be held at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus Sept. 25 at 5 p.m. There will be recipe demonstrations, vendors and door prizes! For more information or tickets to this event, call The Commercial Dispatch at 328-2427, the Fashion Barn at 328-3032 or Factory Direct at 329-1498.

2008 Columbus Day Celebration: This event is free and open to the public. It will be

held at the Tennessee William Welcome Center in downtown Columbus Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be a pet parade, contest and blessing, a sidewalk chalk contest and live music by Two Jazzy.

Columbus-Lowndes County Library Volunteer: The Columbus-Lowndes County library system is looking for volunteers. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library is comprised of a headquarters in Columbus with three branches located in Artesia, Caledonia and Crawford. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library assumes the role of fulfilling the information needs of the residents of Lowndes County and neighboring counties in Mississippi by advocating efficient, effective services and encouraging cooperation among all libraries. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library uses volunteers to provide the best possible library services to the patrons of the library. Volunteers must be 18 years of age; may be required to lift; dependable, eager to work; committed; knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System, previous library or clerical work preferred, but will train the right person. To apply, Please call Meagan at 327-0807.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

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Air Force
Marathon
Sept. 20.



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State Bulldogs score 3-2

Columbus AFB
pilots were
introduced to
fans at the end
of the third
quarter of play
during the
Mississippi State
versus Auburn
football game
Saturday. Eight
crewmembers
from the 50th
and 43rd flying
training
squadrons per-
formed a 4-ship
T-38 flyover
during the
opening cere-
monies of the
game. The
Auburn Tigers
edged the
Mississippi State
Bulldogs with a
score of 3-2.



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Amazing Race

Team	Place	Scores
Payne & The Gang *	1st	1000
Hot 2 Trot *	2nd	1901
SYBC *	3rd	695
Los Amogios *	4th	666
Iron Ladies	1st Non-Comp	1951
SWV	2nd Non-Comp	905
Nickle & Dimers	3rd Non-Comp	1078
Fantastic Four	4th Non-Comp	879
Diaper Changers		872
Doin' It for Fun		813
The Vice Squad		563
The House of Payne		521
Anatomical Bees *		507
The Thunder Cats *		499
Chief & Smooth Ops		493
Maj. McCalip *		489
Firebirds		431
McLovin		430
Women of Hope		415
Lt. Walker's Team *		411
The Cruisers		409
HELP!!		394
Stray Cats *		341
Boo Dawgs		310
Skinny Jeans		297
Quad Squad		0

Wing Total 17271

* Teams in the competitive category

Sports Shorts

USAF Marathon: Air Education and Training Command is seeking teams for the 12th annual USAF Marathon scheduled for Sept. 20 at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. Events include the marathon, wheelchair marathon, half marathon, individual 10K and team 10K. If you desire to run as a part of the AETC sponsored team submit your team/individual nominations on AF Form 303, Specialized Sports Training, to the Fitness Center. More information on the Air Force Marathon can be obtained at <http://www.usaf-marathon.com>.

Thursday Golf Scrambles: Golf scrambles start every Thursday at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 plus greens fees. Open to all levels of golfers. For more information, call 434-7932.

2008 BLAZE Race: Columbus AFB will be holding the 2008 BLAZE Race Sept. 20 at 8 a.m. The awards ceremony

will be held at 9:30 a.m. The early entry fee is \$20 or \$30 on race day. The 10K will take place at 8 a.m. followed by a 5K at 8:30 a.m. Registration forms can be picked up at the Health and Wellness Center or the Fitness Center. For more information call the Fitness Center at 434-2772 or the HAWC at 434-2477.

Fitness Classes: The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Summer Lunch, Bowl Special: Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

Cosmic Bowling: Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

Go outside. It's a great day.

Columbus Air Force Base

2008 Blaze Race



20 September 2008
5K/10K Race

10K Start Time – 8:00 a.m.
5K Start Time – 8:30 a.m.
Awards Ceremony -9:30 a.m.



**\$ 20 Early
Entry Fee**

\$ 30 on race day

(includes moisture wicking shirt)

Registration forms can be picked up at
the HAWC or Fitness Center

Register Online:
www.cafbsservices.com
www.active.com

For more information call
Fitness Center: 662-434-2772
HAWC: 662-434-2477

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